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The Kyrle Society

Aims at "bringing beauty home to the people" in the widest and most catholic sense. Indeed, it may be said that all that tends to brighten, better, and beautify the lives of the poorer members of the community has the full sympathy of the Society.

The Society at present undertakes:—

I.—DECORATIVE BRANCH.

(*a*) To decorate, by mural paintings, pictures, stencil work, mottoes, and other means, workmen's clubs, hospital wards, parish rooms, or any room used for social gatherings, without distinction of creed.

(*b*) To foster a knowledge and love of art by such means as may be available.

II.—OPEN SPACES BRANCH.

(*a*) To secure and assist in securing any open spaces in or near the metropolis, and to prevent spaces being illegally built upon. To co-operate with local societies for the preservation of commons, footpaths, village greens, and roadside strips. To render available as public gardens disused burial grounds, and other waste spaces, and to provide seats, plants, etc., for them.

(*b*) To provide gymnasia and play-grounds for the use of the poorer classes, and to assist other bodies, both public and private, in such provision.

(*c*) To distribute cut flowers, plants, ferns, and bulbs to hospitals, workhouses. and other institutions, and amongst the homes of the poor.

III.—MUSICAL BRANCH.

(*a*) To organise a voluntary choir of singers to perform oratorios for the poor. These are frequently given in churches and halls, situated in poor neighbourhoods and districts of London, where good music could hardly otherwise be heard.

(*b*) To give concerts and entertainments in halls, schoolrooms, and other places, with a view to provide recreation and amusement in poor districts.

(*c*) To provide bands to play at stated intervals in parks and public gardens during the summer months, so as to provide free open-air music for the poorer residents in London.

(*d*) To aid in the formation of classes for the teaching of singing in the poorer neighbourhoods of London.

(*e*) In connection with this branch of the Society the Countess of Meath provides entertainments in workhouses and hospitals during the winter months.

IV.—LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION BRANCH.

To distribute books, magazines, and periodicals, as loans or gifts, to hospitals, infirmaries, workhouses, clubs, and libraries for the benefit of the poor.

V.—THE PUBLICATION OF SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE PAMPHLETS UPON ART SUBJECTS.

The Society having a stock of flags lends them for the decoration of industrial exhibitions, prize-givings, school treats, &c. Application should be made to the Honorary General Secretaries, at least a fortnight in advance, from whom the conditions of loan can be obtained. me; the

THE REPORT FOR 1893.

THE Committee may perhaps be pardoned if, in presenting the Report for the year 1893, they refer with some degree of self-satisfaction to the success of the scheme for the preservation of the Hilly Fields.

The part taken by this Society in the promotion of the scheme has been considerable. Of the amount collected from the public, over £5,000 has been received through its agency, while, in addition, the Society has itself contributed £1,000. To Sir Robert Hunter and Mr. Walter Derham the Committee would express their deep acknowledgments. They have spared neither time nor trouble, and, but for their unceasing energy, it may be doubted if the scheme could have been carried through.

The first of the Kyrle Pamphlets was successfully published in the Spring, and the Committee hope to follow this up with others. At the moment of publication the Committee have learned that with the approbation of the Dean the "Guide to St. Paul's" is to be sold within the Cathedral by the Vergers, instead of the guide formerly authorized. This arrangement will, they believe, materially increase the usefulness of the pamphlet. It is hoped that Members will bring it under the notice of their friends.

Last year the Committee were able to report a very gratifying increase in the amount of work accomplished by the Literature Distribution Branch. They have now again the pleasure of announcing a further increase. This, the youngest of the Society's branches, is certainly not the least useful, and the Committee very cordially endorse the appeal made by the Sub-Committee of the Branch for a continuation and extension of the aid rendered to it. Literature of all kinds is welcome; the

only necessity is that it should not be harmful. Pure literature is a very real and pressing want, and in doing their utmost to supply this, the Committee feel sure they are performing a work of real and lasting utility. Those who help may feel assured that the good done is not to one individual or to one institution, but really to society in general. The Musical and Decorative Branches find each year more applications for their assistance, and it is a matter of deep regret to the Committee that so many applications have to be refused.

The serious depression which has existed during the past year has told, however, on the finances of the Society, as upon those of all other bodies, and, while gratefully acknowledging the help received, the Committee cannot but regret the diminution which has necessarily occurred in the amount of work which the Decorative and Musical Sub-Committees have been able to accomplish.

But they would very earnestly beg that those who may be able will still afford that most necessary material support, without which the work cannot proceed, and they look forward to the coming year, with its more hopeful prospect, in the confident hope that they may be able to increase still further the Society's activity.

The Committee desire to acknowledge the kindness of the ladies and gentlemen who have aided in the work, and whose names are mentioned in the several Branch Reports, and desire to add their thanks to those expressed on behalf of the Sub-Committees.

REPORT FROM THE

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Honorary Branch Secretary—MISS HODGE.

The Report now presented by your Sub-Committee shows, unfortunately, a diminution in the amount of work accomplished by this Branch during 1893, as compared with that recorded in previous years.

This must be ascribed, not to any falling off in the number or zeal of our workers, nor to any decrease in the demand for our work, but to the fact that the increased financial support hoped for at the beginning of the year has not been forthcoming, and that it is not in accordance with the principles of the Kyrle Society to embark upon any undertaking for which the funds are not actually in hand.

Of the four important decorative schemes completed in the course of the year, the pecuniary cost of only two has been defrayed by the Society; a special donation from a member

covered the expense of restoring the decorations of the Rowsell Ward in the London Hospital; and the worker who carried out the scheme for the Lambeth Workhouse Infirmary provided the canvases, for which the Guardians supplied the frames.

Since January, 1893, when thirteen Institutions were already awaiting our help, twelve fresh applications have been received; ten have been dealt with in the manner described below, and decorative work for five others is actually in hand.

How far the Society can help the remaining ten Institutions, as well as others that may apply, must depend on the amount of funds available during the coming year. The balance in hand, now only £15 4s. 8d., is required to complete work already begun. It will therefore be impossible for your Committee, without substantial pecuniary support, to meet the ever-increasing demand for their work, or to utilise the services of their large body of unpaid workers to whose continued interest and unwearied efforts the success of this Branch of the Kyrle Society is due.

Rowsell Ward, London Hospital. — The decorative painting (designed and carried out by Mr. F. D. Bedford) which forms the frieze to the end wall of this Ward symbolizes an English coast scene. The foreground is covered with bracken, in which are pheasants and rabbits. A path, the sides bright with poppies and daisies, leads across the picture from one chestnut wood to another. A group of fir trees occupies the centre of the picture; to the left is a farm-house; beyond, fields of varied colours and white cliffs, bright in the summer sun, stretch to the blue sky and the deeper blue of the sea.

Mr. F. D. Bedford's design for this frieze—an interesting example of landscape duly conventionalised and symbolical rather than naturalistic—was exhibited this autumn in the Exhibition of Arts and Crafts.

We are further indebted to Mr. C. F. A. Voysey for eight figures filling the panels on either side of the windows in this Ward. These are painted on a rich blue background, with bright-coloured draperies and accessories, the names, "Fortitude," "Gentleness," "Sympathy," &c., being introduced into the ornament.

Mary Place Hall, Notting Hill.—This Hall being chiefly used for Concerts and Entertainments, Mr. Audley Mackworth has kindly designed and executed a proscenium, side-screens, and drop-curtain. The side-screens, four on each side, fold back with apple-trees, stencilled on yellow-green, and the drop-curtain is of dark green arras, enriched with pattern. The proscenium is terra-cotta; a gold half-sun, with rays, occupies the centre, with flights of birds on either side, treated in the Japanese manner.

Parish Hall, St. Philip's, Kensington.—An elaborate design was kindly prepared by Mr. Cole A. Adams for the roof of this Hall. The large centre spaces are filled by designs of ornamental foliage, executed on a pale greenish blue ground, and surrounded by a series of heraldic shields and scrolls, inscribed with the virtues. The whole is strong and rich in colour, and is enclosed by a simple border of waved lines.

Infirmary, Lambeth Workhouse.—A series of paintings for the Aged Women's Ward has been enlarged by Miss A. Hodge from Moritz Retzsch's outline illustrations to Schiller's "Song of the Bell." A somewhat flat treatment of colour has been adopted, and the subjects have been selected to complete the story in ten pictures, which vary in size to fit the available wall spaces.

Through the kindness of various artists, the Committee have also been enabled to send pictures and other decorations to the following Institutions:—Hospital for Women, Soho Square; St. Stephen's Boys' Club, Poplar; Lecture Room, Baptist Chapel, Borough Road; St. Bartholomew's Girls' Club, City Buildings, E.C.; Young Men's Friendly Society, St. Mary's Charterhouse, E.C., the Hostel of God, Clapham, S.W.

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Your Sub-Committee have to report:—

A large part of the time of the Chairman, Secretary, and many members of this Branch has been occupied during the past year in the endeavour to preserve the Hilly Fields, Lewisham. For this purpose it will be remembered a Joint Committee of delegates from the Commons Preservation Society, the Kyrle Society, the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, and a Local Committee was constituted several years ago. The Chairman of the Open Space Branch has acted throughout as Chairman, and the Secretary of the Branch as Secretary of this Committee; while Miss Octavia Hill, the Treasurer of the Kyrle Society, has, as usual, taken a leading part in collecting the funds required for the objects of the Joint Committee.

In the last report of the Kyrle Society, a confident hope was expressed that the London County Council would very shortly

enter into binding contracts for the purchase of 41 acres of the Hilly Fields. This step, however, was not in fact taken till the middle of October. Difficulties of many kinds intervened, and sometimes it appeared likely that the scheme would altogether fall through, and the land be lost to the public. On the one side the adviser of the County Council saw objections to completing a contract before the Open Spaces Bill of the Council (which authorised the purchase) became law. On the other side, the New Land Development Association, Limd. (which held a building lease of the most important part of the land) pressed for an immediate contract and threatened to sell elsewhere. This threat in the end they carried out; but happily their purchasers, the London Banking Corporation, Limd., were found willing to sell. It would be tedious to recount the various steps in the protracted negotiations between the Council, the Committee, and the vendors. Suffice it to say that at length contracts were entered into by the County Council for the purchase of 41 acres, 2 roods, and 8 perches, for a total sum of £39,300. There remained four acres of glebe which the Council had themselves indicated as essential to the amenities of the Hilly Fields. Towards the purchase of this plot (the price of which, greatly reduced from the estimate of the Vicar's advisers, was £1,000 per acre) a sum of £1,200, part of the County Council's contribution of £22,000, was available. The Council, however, positively refused to find any further sum, and intimated that unless the Committee could find the necessary balance, the purchase must be abandoned. Under these circumstances the Committee appealed again to the Lewisham Local Board, which, it will be remembered, had at an early stage of the negotiations refused to aid in the purchase of the Hilly Fields. A Memorial was presented, and on the 13th December, 1893, a deputation—on which Lord Monkswell kindly supported the Chairman of the Joint Committee—attended and addressed the Board. At the same time deputations of ratepayers attended, and the Vicar of Lewisham, the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth, spoke on their behalf. In the result the Board, at the instance of Mr. Williams, the Chairman, voted the balance (£2,800) necessary to purchase the four acres, and thus enabled

the whole area deemed necessary for the public requirements to be secured.

The following are the particulars of the purchase :—

	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
The Executors of Geo. Lee, deceased ...	34 1 7	
of which	11 0 4	
are given in exchange, leaving ...		23 1 3
The Trustees of the Bridge House Estate, freeholders, and the London Banking Corporation, leaseholders...		18 1 5
Glebe		4 0 0
Total area preserved		45 2 8

The cost is—	£	£
Executors of Mr. Lee...	34,300	
Trustees of Bridge House Estate ...	2,000	
London Banking Corporation ...	3,000	
Glebe	4,000	
		£43,300

This sum is provided as follows—	
London County Council	22,000
Greenwich District Board	7,000
Lewisham District Board	2,800
City of London Parochial Charities	1,500
Lewisham Parochial Charities	1,000
City Companies	1,025
The Kyrle Society	1,000
Private Subscriptions	6,975
	£43,300

The above figures do not include any interest or costs. The funds necessary to pay these items have been duly provided by the County Council.

In thus concluding the story of the saving of the Hilly Fields the Committee wish to put on record their sense of the indefatigable labours of the Local Committees (and especially of Mr. Henry Nuding, Secretary to the Deptford Committee) in raising and collecting subscriptions, and of the public spirit of the County Council in contributing handsomely to the

purchase. They regret that the Corporation of London did not feel able to abate anything (as Trustees of the Bridge House Estates) from the market price of the reversion of the land leased for building by them, or to contribute out of their general funds towards the expenses of the scheme. To the City Companies, however, and especially to the Company of Goldsmiths, the public are indebted for handsome subscriptions. The labours of the Hon. Secretary of the Open Spaces Branch, in connection with the Hilly Fields have been both heavy and continuous, and have largely contributed to the success of the scheme. The land preserved is probably second in importance to no open space in the neighbourhood of London, being as the County Council long since reported the finest site for a park round London, and being moreover situated at but a short distance from one of the most densely packed quarters of the Metropolis.

A list of the donations to this Scheme received by the Treasurer of the Society and the Hon. Sec. of this branch is appended to the report. The total amount, inclusive of £1,000 given by this Society, was £6,248 8s.

Edmonton, St. Peter's Church House Ground.—Your Committee is able to report that this ground having been properly fenced in, the laying out as a garden was commenced about Easter and finished within two months. It was opened on the 12th of July by Lady Folkestone. The total cost of the work has been £25.

Mile End, New Inn, All Saints' Ground.—The Vicar of the Parish, the Rev. Basil Rust, having made a special appeal to the Open Spaces Branch to help him in keeping up this garden which was laid out by the Society in 1883, it was decided to send him a grant of £10. Part of this sum was handed to the Vicar in the spring, that he might have the garden bright with flowers in the summer; the remainder was handed to him in the autumn, that he might expend it in shrubs.

Blackwall Pier.—The East and West India Dock Co. having written to say that the seats placed on this pier by the Society in 1884 were very much out of repair, four new seats were se and securely fastened to the ground with flagging placed rou them, at a cost of £7 6s.

Millbank Prison Site.—Your Committee, learning that the Government were offering ten acres of this site to the County Council for artisan-dwellings, that the Council were hesitating between so using the site and preserving it as an open space, and that the Westminster Vestry were not only anxious to secure the ten acres as an open space, but were ready to provide a considerable portion of the purchase money, memorialized the County Council to entertain the purchase for this latter purpose. The Committee, however, regrets that the Council has decided to erect artisan - dwellings on the greater part of the land, reserving less than one acre as an open space. It is unfortunate that the governing body of London has thus neglected the opportunity of forming what might have been a charming garden on the banks of the Thames, serving a densely peopled neighbourhood much in want of open space.

Lincoln's Inn Fields.—The London County Council's proposal (embodied in their Open Spaces Bill, 1893) to enable them to take over and maintain this ground as an open space, was approved by the House of Commons, but was thrown out by a Select Committee of the House of Lords. The Chairman of this Branch gave evidence on behalf of the Council in both Houses. The County Council have again deposited a Bill on this subject for consideration in the coming session of Parliament.

Bethnal Green Poor's Land.—It is with great pleasure that your Committee are able to state that the County Council have completed the purchase of these six acres of land, the rescue of which occupied much of the time of Members of the Branch in earlier years, and that the Council are now engaged in laying out the ground. It will be maintained as an open space, together with the Museum Gardens, and the whole will be called the *Bethnal Green Gardens.*

Mile End New Town, Hunt Street Ground.—Your Committee's attention has been drawn to this desirable piece of ground lying between St. Anne's Catholic Church and All Saints' Church. The land only measures about two-thirds of an acre, nd the price asked is very large. Your Committee is glad to arn that the County Council has entertained the matter so far to enquire whether the Whitechapel Board of Works would

be willing to contribute. If so, an attempt will be made to secure the ground.

Hampton Court, Home Park.—It was with great pleasure that your Committee welcomed the opening of this large Park to the public, by the gracious kindness of Her Majesty the Queen. It was thrown open to the public by the Rt. Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., H.M. First Commissioner of Works (and Chairman of the Commons Preservation Society) on Whit Monday last.

Vauxhall Park, Fawcett Memorial.—The statue of the late Mr. Henry Fawcett, the gift of Sir Henry Doulton, was unveiled in Vauxhall Park by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on the 7th June. The statue, by the well-known artist, Mr. Tinworth, is a noble work, and offers a striking likeness of the great man it commemorates.

Thames Embankment.—A scheme has been proposed to your Committee, to endeavour to obtain the land lying between the Temple Gardens and Sion College as an open space-thereby completing the chain of Gardens along the river from the City to Westminster. Your Committee has felt that the value of the land is so enormous, that there would be the utmost difficulty in persuading the Corporation either to give the land or to sell it at any materially reduced price.

Law of Commons Amendment Act, 1893.—Your Committee would call attention to the value of this short Act, which provides that no enclosure shall henceforth take place under the Statute of Merton without the consent of the Board of Agriculture, and further that that body is to consider whether the proposal is in the public interests. The Statute of Merton, passed in the reign of Henry the Third, (and the amending Statutes) enabled a Lord of a Manor to enclose his waste lands provided he left sufficient for the commoners; and these Statutes have been relied upon by the Lords in nearly all the great suits relating to common land which have been fought during the last thirty years. The result of the recent Act is practically, therefore, to make enclosure impossible, unless it be shown to the Board of Agriculture that it is for the public benefit. This is a result upon which all Open Space Societies cannot be too

warmly congratulated. The Act was introduced in the House of Lords by Lord Thring, acting at the request and under the advice of the Commons Preservation Society.

Euston and Marylebone Boulevards Scheme.—The Committee formed to promote this scheme came to the conclusion, that in the face of the opposition of the ground landlords the scheme could not be carried without compulsory powers. They are about to report the result of their enquiries to the County Council, and to recommend that body, at a fitting time, to promote legislation for the protection of the public interests.

National Society for Suppressing the Abuse of Advertising.—A very strong Society has been formed under this title with a view to putting down the offensive advertisements which have lately disfigured the sides of the principal railways, and to putting advertisements under some reasonable control. The Society publishes a magazine, "A World of Beauty," in the first number of which is a very sympathetic allusion to the work of the Kyrle Society. A list of the members of the Kyrle Society was furnished to the promoters of this Society, and many members have joined it.

FLOWER REPORT, 1893.

The work of this Branch has increased much this year. Kind friends of former years have continued their gifts of flowers throughout this summer, and the response to the letter to the daily papers by the Chairman of the Society was so satisfactory that *seventy* new donors were added to our number.

Many of these only sent once, but a number of them continued to send all the summer with more or less regularity.

It would be well again to repeat, what a boon it is to have flowers sent repeatedly to the same address. Even *once* flowers are welcome, but it is doubly welcome to have the promise of flowers at intervals—weekly, fortnightly, or even monthly during the summer. It is a pleasure to the poor people to look for them, and makes them feel not quite forgotten in the summer days; while a regular periodical supply immensely lightens the work of the Secretary, saving the necessity for

writing with each box of flowers. Some ladies were most kind, adding at times to their gift of flowers a hamper of fresh vegetables—a very great treat—or fruit, sometimes grapes, which refreshed many poor sick people in the hot summer nights. Others sent pots of flowers—a most lasting pleasure to the recipients, also plants for gardens and window-boxes, and one lady sent a large supply of packets of seeds, which were distributed to any who had a small plot of ground, while even in window-boxes they were a great success. The Sub-Committee would express its thanks to all who have helped, and beg that when the spring comes round they will communicate with the Hon. Sec. Subjoined is a list of the places which have been gladdened by these gifts. It will be seen that although the supply of flowers has increased, the demand for them increases with even greater rapidity.

Children's Hospital, Paddington; Hospital for Women, Soho; Cleveland Street Sick Asylum; Lambeth School Infirmary; Orthopædic Hospital; Ophthalmic Hospital, Westminster. Home of the Good Shepherd, Hackney; Marylebone Workhouse; Mile End Workhouse; St. Pancras Workhouse; Fulham Union. Bow Mission; Church Army Home; St. Agnes' Mission, Notting Hill; Nurses' Home, Hammersmith; Women's University Settlement, Blackfriars Road; Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine, Poplar; Seven Tenements, Five Poor Parishes; Sixteen Nurses, Lady Visitors, and Clubs.

Your Committee have also to thank Messrs. Barr and Son, of King Street, Covent Garden, for a large and handsome gift of plants which were sent to Vauxhall Park. There they have helped to fill and adorn the borders, and make the garden most attractive.

DONATIONS FOR THE "HILLY FIELDS" FUND

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MISS OCTAVIA HILL, *Treasurer of the Kyrle Society;* and by MR. WALTER DERHAM, *Hon. Secretary of the Open Spaces Branch.*

	£	s.	d.
City of London Parochial Charities	1000	0	0
The Kyrle Society ...	1000	0	0
Goldsmiths' Company...	500	0	0
Mrs. Thompson ...	500	0	0
Duke of Westminster...	300	0	0
Mrs. Scrase Dickens ...	200	0	0
Lady Jane Dundas ...	200	0	0
Mrs. Montefiore ...	200	0	0
Mrs. Williams	200	0	0
Fishmongers' Company	105	0	0
Leathersellers' Company	105	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Booth...	100	0	0
Clothworkers' Company	100	0	0
Mrs. Evans	100	0	0
Grocers' Company ...	100	0	0
Dr. Longstaff	100	0	0
J. Compton Merryweather, Esq. ...	100	0	0
Mrs. Graham Robertson	100	0	0
F. D. Mocatta, Esq. ...	60	0	0
Per Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald	55	0	0
Skinners' Company ...	52	10	0
Mrs. Cash	50	0	0
Commons Preservation Society	50	0	0
Miss Courtenay ...	50	0	0
Miss L. Fowler... ...	50	0	0
Ll. W. Longstaff, Esq....	50	0	0
Hon. W. and Mrs. Lowther	50	0	0
Sir Spenser Maryon Wilson, Bt.	50	0	0
E. Brooke, Esq. ...	32	0	0
Miss Roget	30	0	0
Mercers' Company ...	26	5	0
Messrs. Pears	26	5	0
Miss Harriot Yorke ...	25	0	0
H. G. Willink, Esq. ...	25	0	0
Drapers' Company ...	21	0	0
Miss Ewart	20	0	0
T. K. H....	20	0	0
T. A. Hope, Esq. ...	20	0	0
Charles Morley, Esq. ...	20	0	0
John Roget, Esq. ...	20	0	0
Miss Laura Soames ...	20	0	0
Rev. G. F. Whidborne...	20	0	0
Mrs. Winkworth ...	20	0	0
Phillip Worsley, Esq. ...	20	0	0
Per Metropolitan Public Gardens Association	18	11	0
Mrs. Cicely Ridpath ...	13	3	0
R. C. Poulter, Esq. ...	10	10	0
Herbert C. Saunders, Esq., Q.C.	10	10	0
Vintners' Company ...	10	10	0
E. Pascoe Williams, Esq.	10	10	0
A. M. Hallett, Esq. ...	10	0	0
— Landon, Esq. ...	10	0	0
The Misses Lees ...	10	0	0
Alexander Macmillan, Esq.	10	0	0
Rev. H. Mallet... ...	10	0	0
Mrs. Roget	10	0	0
Miss Singleton... ...	10	0	0
J. C. Weston, Esq. ...	10	0	0
Miss Emily Duckworth	7	0	0
Rev. Canon Ainger ...	5	5	0
R. P. Barron, Esq. ...	5	5	0
Major-General Boulton	5	5	0
B. D. Gibb, Esq. ...	5	5	0
H. Gibb, Esq.	5	5	0
Justice T. Matthews, Esq.	5	5	0
Miss Anna Swanwick	5	5	0
Miss Astley	5	0	0
Charles Bridgeman, Esq.	5	0	0
Mrs. Travers Buxton ...	5	0	0
Travers Buxton, Esq. ...	5	0	0
G. M. Hicks, Esq. ...	5	0	0
John Holland, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Miss Johnston	5	0	0
R. B. Litchfield, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Mrs. George Macdonald	5	0	0
Edmund Maurice, Esq.	5	0	0
A Protestant	5	0	0
Lady Henrietta Pelham	5	0	0
Mrs. Henry Urlin ...	5	0	0
William Chamberlin, Esq....	3	3	0
Dr. and Mrs. Hurry ...	3	3	0
H. M.	3	3	0
Mrs. Fowell Buxton ...	3	0	0
Gordon Somervell, Esq.	3	0	0
Thomas Bramley, Esq.	2	10	0
Mrs. Martelli	2	10	0
Edward Ball, Esq. ...	2	2	0
A. Hughes, Esq. ...	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Frederic Johnston, Esq	2	2	0
Capt. McTaggart ...	2	2	0
— Mars, Esq.	2	2	0
Joseph Ruston, Esq. ...	2	2	0
— Shepherd, Esq. ...	2	2	0
Samuel Brandreth, Esq.	2	0	0
F. D. Bridges, Esq. ...	2	0	0
E. H. Mannering, Esq.	2	0	0
Miss Reid	2	0	0
Mrs. Robertson ...	2	0	0
Mrs. Theobald	2	0	0
— Waters, Esq. ...	2	0	0
Mrs. F. H. Westmacott	2	0	0
The Misses Martelli ...	1	15	0
Miss Barnard	1	10	0
Walter Bates, Esq. ...	1	1	0
The Misses Becker ...	1	1	0
Per Miss Tiarks ...	1	1	0
W. R. M. Glasier, Esq....	1	1	0
G. W. Groves, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Thos. Grueber, Esq. ...	1	1	0
J. W. Hall, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Miss A. B. Harrison ...	1	1	0
F. Hodgson, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Charles F. Hollebrue, Esq.	1	1	0
— Knox, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Horatio Lucas ...	1	1	0
Alfred Palmer, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Walter Palmer, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Edward Oxenham, Esq.	1	1	0
W. G. Rawlinson, Esq.	1	1	0
— Rolls, Esq.	1	1	0
Neumann Smith, Esq.	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
James H. Stiff, Esq. ...	1	1	0
E. H. Straw, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Marmaduke Teesdale, Esq.	1	1	0
Ernest Tye, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Harold P. Brown, Esq.	1	0	0
Miss Dixon	1	0	0
Miss Ellen Hill... ...	1	0	0
MissEmilyShaw Lefevre	1	0	0
Miss Maberly	1	0	0
Francis Martelli, Esq.	1	0	0
Miss H. L. Martin ...	1	0	0
George Tansley, Esq. ...	1	0	0
Miss Edith Thompson...	1	0	0
G. Watts, Esq.	1	0	0
Mrs. Warren	0	15	0
— Jameson, Esq. ...	0	10	6
Fred Lambert, Esq. ...	0	10	6
— Offell, Esq.... ...	0	10	6
A Friend	0	10	0
— Killaloe, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Sarah Musgrave ...	0	10	0
R. Muir, Esq. (jun.) ...	0	5	0
Mrs. J. D. Penrose (née Peckover)	0	5	0
Miss J. W. Powell ...	0	5	0
Miss Warren	0	5	0
Miss White	0	5	0
Frederic Newbery, Esq.	0	2	6
Mrs. Scott	0	2	6
"A Thankoffering" ...	0	2	6
	£6,248	8	0

REPORT FROM THE

Musical Sub-Committee.

Branch Chairman—MISS HILL.

Mrs. Beavington Atkinson.
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Miss Frankau.
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Mrs. Arnold White.
Mrs. Tansley.

Hon. Secretary Concerts.
Mrs. ROSSITER.

Hon. Secretary Choir.
Miss LEYCESTER.

Hon. Secretary Hospital Entertainments.
MISS BELLSON.

And the Executive Officers ex-officio.

Conductor.
F. A. W. DOCKER, Esq.

Organist.
E. H. TURPIN, Esq., Mus. Doc

Your Sub-Committee have to report—

CHOIR.

The Choir has given twelve performances of Oratorios during the year in the following places:—

The "Messiah," in St. Saviour's Church, London Street.

"Elijah," in All Saints', Haggerston; Holy Trinity Church, Mile End.

"St. Paul," in St. Peter's, Islington.

"Creation," in St. Clement's, Notting Hill; Holy Trinity Church, Hoxton.

"Samson," in St. Luke's, Bermondsey; St. Andrew's, Peckham; Congregational Church, Canning Town; St. Stephen's, North Bow.

"Prodigal Son" and "Hymn of Praise," in St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

"Stabat Mater" and "Hymn of Praise," in St. Mary's, Hoxton.

In addition to the above a special performance of the "Messiah" was given by a small choir at the French Huguenot Hospital, Victoria Park; the entire expense being generously defrayed by Mr. W. Morris Beaufort, a Director of the Hospital.

On each occasion, with but one exception, the churches have been well filled, sometimes to overflowing; and at Holy Trinity Church, Mile End, the authorities showed an unusual proof of their interest by announcing the performance in many of the daily and weekly papers.

The numbers of the Choir are well kept up, and it is satisfactory to be able to report a considerable accession of tenors, but more soprano and alto voices are needed.

CONCERTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Twenty-four Concerts and Entertainments have been given during the year at the following places:—

Andover Road Mission, Hackney; Beaconsfield Buildings, Caledonian Road (two); Brady's Club, Deptford (two); Finsbury Park Hall (three); Good Shepherd Mission, Bromley; Hervey Street Mission, Hoxton; Islington Chapel; Lecture Hall, Rectory Road, Stoke Newington; Mansfield University Settlement, Canning Town; New Tabernacle, Old Street; New Cross Hall; Parish Room of Holy Cross, Cromer Street, King's Cross; People's Hall, Deptford; Pimlico Chapel; Red Cross Hall, Southwark; Stepney Meeting House; Tate Institute, Silvertown, Victoria Docks; Victoria Home for Men, Whitechapel (two); Working Lads' Institute, Whitechapel; Young Men's Christian Association, Westbourne Park.

MUSIC IN PUBLIC GARDENS.

Your Sub-Committee have to report the *eighth* season of band performances, during the summer months, in the Public Gardens of some of the poorer London neighbourhoods. Perhaps a prevailing idea that the County Council sufficiently provides open-air music for the people may account for the very meagre response received to the Society's appeal for funds to enlarge this branch of the work. This, however, is a mistake to be

regretted; for much and admirable as is the County Council's work in this direction, there still remain many poor and crowded districts where it has not yet been able to provide this much-appreciated recreation. There were only five performances given this year—four in St. George's Garden, Hunter Street (close to the Foundling Hospital) and one in the Paddington Street Garden. The very large and appreciative audiences of both old and young again testified to the pleasure which this form of out-door recreation affords. For the music in the former we are once more indebted to the courtesy of the Acting Superintendent of the E Division, Metropolitan Police, and the good nature of the bandmaster and men who, being already engaged by the County Council for the same purpose elsewhere, played in St. George's Garden during their scanty leisure hours. For the excellent performances in Marylebone your Sub-Committee wish to express their best thanks to the Colonel of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers for his kind permission, and not less to the master and his men for so readily responding to their request.

THE COUNTESS OF MEATH'S ENTERTAINMENTS IN HOSPITALS AND WORKHOUSES.

The above entertainments have been given as usual to large and appreciative audiences. Unfortunately, the inmates of one workhouse, who have had monthly entertainments regularly for the past ten years, were unable to enjoy them last season, owing to building operations. Happily, these have sufficiently progressed to permit of the entertainments re-commencing this winter.

Great pleasure has already been given by some very pretty theatricals, got up by a lady among her friends, in order to entertain occasionally during the winter, those who need brightness so much, and get it so little.

The number of entertainments given has been twenty-three.

The Sub-Committee desire to express their grateful thanks to the Council of Bedford College for their continued kindness in lending a room for the choir rehearsals; also to Messrs. Broadwood for a renewal of their unfailing goodness in lending a pianoforte for the same purpose.

The small number of oratorio performances given this year is unfortunately due to want of funds—the Sub-Committee having been able to respond to only thirteen out of forty applications received from all parts of London. The work done by the choir is unique, no other Society bringing oratorio music free into the poor districts. Were it not for the large amount of help generously given by both professional and amateur artists, it would be impossible to carry on the work at all; and it seems a pity that such work should suffer for lack of funds to meet the necessary expenses. It is to be hoped that additional subscribers will come forward to support the efforts of this branch of the Society.

The best thanks of the Sub-Committee are due to the following solo artistes and Societies for the valuable help in oratorio performances and concerts :—

Vocalists. Mr. Arthur Appleby, Miss Berry, Mr. James Blackney, Miss E. Nott-Bower, Mrs. Percy Brown, Miss Mary Clarke, Mr. Herbert Clinch, Miss Ellen Cooper, Mr. Charles Copland, Mr. Wilfrid Cunliffe, Mr. Reddon Curtis, Miss Nina Dennis, Mrs. Edwardes, Miss Florence Fawscett, Miss Dora Forbes, Miss Kate Fusselle, Mr. James Gawthorp, Mr. M. C. Gaze, Mr. Wilson Gilbert Gilbey, Miss Nora Grayston, Mr. Ager Grover, Madame Madeline Hardy, Mr. Edwin Harwood, Miss Kathleen Hope, Miss Kate Hullett, Miss Helen Hulme, Mrs. H. W. Johnson, Miss Annie Lawrie, Miss Ada Loaring, Mr. Charles Mann, Mrs. Machin, Miss Ethel Miller, Mr. Albert Orme, Miss Margaret Ormerod, Madame Maud Panton, Mr. John Probert, Miss Rina Robinson, Mrs. Stanesby, Miss Brenda Sutherland, Mr. George Tate, Mr. Gilbert Thorne, Miss Jessie Tillett, Madame Helen Vinall, Miss Louise Weaver, Mr. Morgan Wilkinson, Madame Osborne Williams, Mr. Arthur Wills.

The Lynton Male Quartette, The Cynthia Male Quartette, The Phœnix Glee Singers,

Instrumentalists. (*Violin*)—Miss Maud Aldis, Miss Daisy Ashton, Miss Florence Peglar, Miss Edie Reynolds, Miss Clara Titterton. (*Guitar*) Miss Nellie Levey. (*Lute and Banjo*) Miss Hamilton Smith. (*Mandolin*) Miss Alice Glyn, Miss Kelvey, The Montagu Mandolinists.

Musical Sketches. Mr. Walter George, Mr. E. Gillespy, Mr. Addison Greene, Miss Kate Lovell, Mr. W. R. Minns, Mr. Odell, Mr. Ernest Walcot, Mr. Lloyd Williams.

Reciters. Mrs. Calverley Bewicke, Miss E. Castor, Mr. Horace Green, Mr. George Haddon, Mr. Henry Harris, Miss Nora Hastings, Miss Freda Hinton, Miss Rose Jenkins, Miss Madeline Rowsell, Mr. Charles Stuart, Mr. R. Sumner.

Miscellaneous. Entertainment entitled "Music, Song, and Story" arranged by Mrs. Stuart Downing, Dramatic Entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Wallis and Mr. A. Wallis.

Operetta. Mr. Teignmouth Shore.

The Morellis performers on many instruments.

REPORT FROM THE

Literature Distribution Sub-Committee.

Branch Chairman—W. W. FENN, ESQ.

Miss J. S. Anderson.
Miss Bostock.
James Britten, Esq.
C. W. Cunnington, Esq.
C. W. Empson, Esq.
Charles Peters, Esq.

And the Executive Officers ex-officio.

Honorary Branch Secretary—MRS. ALFRED BROWN.

Your Sub-Committee has to report :—

The work of this Branch of the Society has shown a decided increase during the year. Ordinary grants have been made in 47 cases, which may be classed as follows :—Workhouses, 3 ;

Women's and Girls' Clubs, 7; Parish Libraries, 9; Hospitals, 4; National Schools, 4; Seamen's Institutions, 2; Nurses' Homes, 2; Men's Clubs, 10; Boys' Clubs, 6. In addition to these, the Western Fever Hospital has received a monthly grant, while quarterly grants have been sent to 3 Hospitals, 2 Workhouses, and 1 Free Library. The total number of grants has been 82, comprising 2,261 books, 2,113 magazines, and 5,460 papers. In some cases it is found loans are preferred, and to meet this want 25 loans have been made.

The public have responded very liberally to the appeal made for books, and special thanks are due to Mr. H. S. Brandrett for money and books, to Mr. William Brown for £10, to Messrs. A. D. Innes and Co. for a large number of books, and to Mr. Samuel Berger for bound volumes of the *Illustrated London News* from its commencement.

There has sprung up a great demand for books suitable to distribute among boys and girls, and the supply has proved unequal to the demand. It is hoped books of this description may be largely sent during the coming year, and in this request we specially include simple science works. All help, whether in books, or in money to purchase books, will be most gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

While the growth of free libraries is a most gratifying sign, and one most pleasant to record, yet it is abundantly clear, from the applications sent in to the Sub-Committee, that there is more than ample scope for the work of this branch.

Numbers of those who would and will read cannot go to the free library—even if there be one—and Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and, indeed, those for Men and Women also, can render real and lasting service in supplying literature at once wholesome and entertaining.

Every care is taken to ensure only suitable books and papers being sent to the various institutions, and it is requested that all books that may be deemed unsuitable by the recipient, be returned at once to the Society.

Books in French, German, and Italian are sent to the Foreign Hospitals in London, where they are much appreciated.

Should any intending donor wish books sent for within the Metropolitan area, a box with hinged lid is forwarded by a carrier, who is directed to call for it again the next day. The trouble of packing books is thus greatly diminished.

Twenty-five Loans have been sent out.

Eighty-two Grants have been made.

List of Institutions to which Grants have been sent.

1. Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum.
2. Mile End Infirmary.
3. St. Margaret's School Library, Canning Town.
4. Moffat Institute Girls' Guild.
5. St. Bartholomew the Great Club, Snow Hill, for Men and Boys.
6. Clapham Junction Social Club for Men.
7. Moffat Institute Sunday School.
8. Craven Chapel Mothers' Mission.
9. Sandwich Street Factory Girls' Club, St. Pancras.
10. St. Mary's Sunday School, Upper Edmonton.
11. Swadlincote Young Men's Improvement Society.
12. Sailors' Reading Room, Almwch, N. Wales.
13. Burcrowcombe Village Library, Somerset.
14. Classes for Youths, West Cromwell Road.
15. Village Library at Alresford, Hants.
16. Women's Help Society, London Fields.
17. School Children's Library, Oxstead.
18. St. George's Home for Catholic Boys.
19. St. Stephen's Working Men's Club.
20. Trained Nurses' Club, Strand.
21. Chester Deaconess's Institution.
22. St. James,' Ratcliff, Parish Library.
23. Seamen's Christian Friend Society.
24. Y.M.C.A., Hendon Branch.
25. St. Mary's Nurses' Home, Plaistow.
26. Sydney Social Club for Boys, Stepney.
27. Upton House Boys' Truant School, Hackney.
28. St. Gabriel's Parish Library, South Bromley.
29. Patient in Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor.

30. Old Northeyites Boys' Club, Limehouse.
31. St. Raphael's Boys' Club, Bristol.
32. Lucasian Parish Institute, Bermondsey.
33. Chelsea Girls' Club.
34. National Home Reading Union, Brighton.
35. St. Thomas' Parish Library, Barnsbury.
36. Frampton Village Library, Lincolnshire.
37. Holy Cross Branch of Y.M.F.S., King's Cross.
38. Sturminster Newton Workhouse, Dorset.
39. St. Peter's, Hoxton Square, Parish Library.
40. South Grove Board School Boys' Club, Mile End.
41. Mrs. Horlock's Convalescent Home, Southend.
42. Newhaven Workhouse.
43. Hampstead Workhouse.
44. Essex Road Library for Youths, Islington.
45. Thomastown Parish Library, Co. Kilkenny.
46. Stockwell National School for Boys and Girls.
47. Hartlepool Old Boys' Institute.

Quarterly Grants.

Bethnal Green Free Library.
Workhouse at Ashton-under-Lyne.
Workhouse at St. Pancras.
City of London Hospital for Diseases of Chest.
French Hospital.
German Hospital.

Twelve Monthly Parcels to Western Fever Hospital.

List of Provincial Kyrle Societies.

Birmingham Kyrle Society,

General Sec., Miss Gittins, 87, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,

Six Sections—viz., 1. Music. 2. Decorations. 3. Window Gardening. 4. Readings and Entertainments. 5. Men's and Women's and Boys' and Girls' Clubs. 6. Guild of Handicraft.

Cheltenham Kyrle Society,

Hon. Sec.—Miss Wood, Hiltwood House, Montpellier Terrace, Cheltenham.

Branches.—1. Musical. 2. Decorative. 3. Open Spaces and Gardening. 4. Needlework. 5. General Work.

Dublin Kyrle Society,

Hon. Secs., George Coffey, Esq., 5, Harcourt Terrace, Dublin; and Miss Emily Hogg, Craigmore, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Branches.—1. Decorative. 2. Musical. 3. Literature Distribution.

Edinburgh Social Union (*Studio, The Dean Studio, Lower Room, Lynedoch Place*).

Hon. Sec., Miss Kerr, 9, Great Stuart Street, Edinburgh.

Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Cunningham, 14, Ramsay Gardens, Edinburgh.

Departments.—1. Housing. 2. Industrial Art Classes. 3. Decoration. 4. Recreative Evening Classes. 5. Window Gardening.

Glasgow Kyrle Society,

Hon. Secs., Mrs. Reith, F. C. Manse, Lynedoch Street, Glasgow; and Mrs. Hannay, Hillhead Gardens, Glasgow.

Leicester Kyrle Society,

General Sec., A. H. Paget, Esq., West Walk, Leicester.

Sections.—1. Decoration. 2. Gardening and Flowers. 3. Entertainments. 4. Invalid Drives.

Liverpool Kyrle Society,

General Sec., C. H. Sweny, Esq., 2, Harrington Street, Liverpool.

Branches.—1. Decorative. 2. Musical and Entertainment. 3. Reading. 4. Children's. 5. Children's Happy Evenings. 6. Invalid Children's.

Nottingham Kyrle Society (*a Branch of the Nottingham Social Guild*),

Hon. Sec., Miss H. Carey, Trent Leigh, The Ropewalk, Nottingham.

Sections.—1. Decorative. 2. Open Spaces. 3. Window Gardening. 4. Flower Mission. 5. Distribution of Literature in Workhouses and Hospitals.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF 1893.

CASH RECEIPTS.

	General.	Publications	Decorative.	Open Spaces	Musical.	Literature.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January ...	46 14 6	...	3 8 0	8 16 6	8 16 6	5 2 0	72 17 6
February	17 2 0	...	2 0 0	1 1 0	29 9 0	5 16 0	55 8 0
March ...	7 1 0	...	0 5 0	...	20 11 0	7 15 0	35 12 0
April	6 12 6	0 5 0	6 10 0	...	3 17 0	1 0 0	18 4 6
May	4 7 0	...	6 5 6	...	5 9 0	...	16 1 6
June	...	...	0 10 0	1 0 0	10 5 0	0 14 0	12 9 0
July ... August Sept. ...	14 15 6	...	2 1 0	...	6 0 0	1 16 0	24 12 6
October ...	3 8 6	..	1 0 0	0 10 0	3 15 0	1 12 6	10 6 0
November	13 17 1	...	0 4 6	1 4 0	17 8 0	1 14 0	34 7 7
December	6 1 6	3 3 0	...	...	7 5 0	1 2 6	17 12 0
Total ...	119 19 7	3 8 0	22 4 0	12 11 6	112 15 6	26 12 0	297 10 7

CASH EXPENDITURE.

	General.	Publications	Decorative.	Open Spaces	Musical.	Literature.	Total.
	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
January ...	1 14 9	...	2 2 0	...	6 6 0	1 0 0	29 2 9
February	...	...	...	8 0 0	9 4 0	5 0 0	22 4 0
March ...	4 6 2	...	...	2 0 0	26 10 0	5 0 0	37 16 2
April	20 1 4	...	...	17 14 0	2 2 0	...	39 17 4
May	14 19 9	...	...		19 8 0	...	34 7 9
June	4 5 1	...	...		1 0 0	10 10 0	15 15 1
July ... August Sept. ...	17 8 1	...	...	7 6 0	...	2 10 0	27 4 1
October ...	23 10 3	...	...	6 11 3	9 4 0	...	39 5 6
November	...	...	...	8 14 9	10 10 0	1 0 0	20 4 9
December	20 11 4	...	...	15 8 10	31 15 2	4 0 0	71 15 4
Total	124 16 9	...	2 2 0	65 14 10	115 19 2	29 0 0	337 12 9
	Transfers	+					
June	...	...	...	...	10 10 0	...	...
	Transfers	—					
June	...	...	...	10 10 0	...	...	...

RECEIPTS.

	General.	Publications	Decorative.	Open Spaces	Musical.	Literature.	Total.
Bght. for.	28 8 3	11 6 0	14 9 8	178 12 3	13 6 7	4 16 2	250 18 11
Receipts...	119 19 7	3 8 0	22 4 0	12 11 6	112 15 6	26 12 0	297 10 7
Transfs....	...	...	...	...	10 10 0	...	...
Transfs....	...	...	...	10 10 0	...	...	...
Total Receipts	148 7 10	14 14 0	36 13 8	180 13 9	136 12 1	31 8 2	548 9 6
Expenditure ...	124 16 9	...	2 2 0	65 14 10	115 19 2	29 0 0	337 12 9
Balance	23 11 1	14 14 0	34 11 8	114 18 11	20 12 11	2 8 2	210 16 9
Expenditure on Decorative Br. paid in 1894.....	...	...	19 7 0	...	...	...	19 7 0
Balance of Dec. and Total.....	...	...	15 4 8	...	...	...	191 9 9

Kyrle Society.—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance brought forward—				
General Office			28 8 3	
Publication Branch			11 6 0	
Decorative Branch			14 9 8	
Open Spaces Branch			178 12 3	
Musical Branch			13 6 7	
Literature Branch			4 16 2	
				250 18 11
Receipts of the year—				
General Office			119 19 7	
Publication Branch			3 8 0	
Decorative Branch			22 4 0	
Open Spaces Branch			12 11 6	
Musical Branch			112 15 6	
Literature Branch			26 12 0	
				297 10 7
Transfers—	+	—		
Open Spaces Branch		10 10 0		
Musical Branch	10 10 0			
			Total	£548 9 6

Kyrle Society.—

GENERAL

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward from last year		28 8 3
Receipts of the year—		
Subscriptions for General Purposes	116 12 6	
Interest on Deposits	3 7 1	
		119 19 7
Total		£148 7 10

PUBLICATION

	£ s. d.
Brought forward from last year	11 6 0
Receipts during the year from Subscriptions	3 8 0
Total	£14 14 0

General Account for 1893.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Expenditure—		
General Office	124 16 9	
Publication Branch	0 0 0	
Decorative Branch	21 9 0	
Open Spaces Branch	65 14 10	
Musical Branch	115 19 2	
Literature Branch	29 0 0	
		356 19 9
Balance—		
General Office	23 11 1	
Publication Branch	14 14 0	
Decorative Branch	15 4 8	
Open Spaces Branch	114 18 11	
Musical Branch	20 12 11	
Literature Branch	2 8 2	
		191 9 9
Total		£548 9 6

Branch Accounts for 1893.

OFFICE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rent of Office (5 quarters)		65 12 6	
Coal		1 4 9	
Printing.—Matthew Drew	7 2 9		
Church Printing Co.	14 19 9		
		22 2 6	
Office Petty Expenditure—			
Wages of Office Boy	18 9 0		
Postage	9 13 4		
Carriage of Parcels	4 3 9		
Petty Stationery and Office expenses ...	3 10 11		
		35 17 0	
			124 16 9
		Balance	23 11 1
		Total	£148 7 10

BRANCH.

	£ s. d.
Expenditure	0 0 0
Balance	14 14 0
Total	£14 14 0

DECORATIVE

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward from last year	14	9	8
Receipts of the year—Subscriptions...	22	4	0
Total	£36	13	8

OPEN SPACES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward from last year				178	12	3
Receipts of the year—Subscriptions...	12	11	6			
Less—Transfer to Musical Branch for Bands in Gardens	10	10	0			
				2	1	6
				£180	13	9

MUSICAL

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward from last year							13	6	7
Receipts of the year—									
For Concerts	4	12	6						
For Bands	5	10	0						
				9	12	6			
General Subscriptions				103	3	0			
							112	15	6
Transfer from Open Spaces for Bands in Gardens							10	10	0
							£136	12	1

BRANCH.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscription to the Arundel Society ...		2 2 0	
Expenditure on the Rowsell Ward—London Hospital	3 18 9		
Parish Hall, St. Philip's, Kensington	6 10 0		
		10 8 9	
Framing Pictures, &c....	7 2 3		
Postage and Parcels	1 16 0		
		8 18 3	
			21 9 0
Balance		... ...	15 4 8
		Total	£36 13 8

BRANCH.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Expenditure on St. Peter's, Edmonton ...	25 0 0		
All Saints', Mile End ...	10 0 0		
Boulevard Scheme	9 3 10		
Garden Seats	7 6 0		
Renewal of Plans—Vauxhall Park	2 0 0		
		53 9 10	
Petty Expenses—Old expenses £6 18 11, Flower distribution £1 10, Stamps £1 1 5	9 10 4		
Petty expenses on above, including £1 16 2, not yet paid, £2 14 8	2 14 8		
		12 5 0	
			65 14 10
		Balance	114 18 11
			£180 13 9

BRANCH.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Expenses for Oratorio Performances—Current year ...	78 8 0	
Last year	6 6 0	
Miscellaneous Concerts—Current year £14 2, for 1894 £5	19 2 0	
Bands	6 6 0	
		110 2 0
Stationery and Postage		5 17 2
Total expenses		115 19 2
Balance		20 12 11
		£136 12 1

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward from last year			4 16 2
Receipts of the year—			
Subscriptions	17 11 0		
Sales	9 1 0		
		26 12 0	26 12 0
			£31 8 2

BRANCH.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenditure on Purchase of Books				23	0	0			
„ Binding				1	10	0			
Petty Expenses									
Postage	1	0	7						
Carriage of parcels	1	5	11						
Miscellaneous, including 14s. not yet paid	2	3	6						
				4	10	0			
							29	0	0
Balance							2	8	2
							£31	8	2

Examined and found correct,

W. M. BLYTH.

Donations and Subscriptions

FOR 1893.

	General and Publications.			Decorative.			Open Spaces.			Musical.			Literature.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Adcock, Rev. H. H. Halford	0	10	6		...			...			...			...	
Aldridge, Miss		...			...			..			2	6		...	
Alford, Rev. B.		...		2	2	0		...			...			...	
Anon		...			...			...			...		0	2	6
Ash, Miss Chrissie ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Astley, Miss C. C.... ...		...			...			...		2	0	0		...	
Atkinson, Miss Amy ...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Atkinson, Mrs. Beavington (Concerts)		...			...			...		2	0	0		...	
Atkinson, Mrs. Beavington		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Bailey, J. C., Esq.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Bates, Col. C. E.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Beaufort, W. Morris, Esq.		...			...			...		6	10	0		...	
Bedford, Rev. Edwin C. ...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Bell, Miss Spencer ...		...		1	1	0		...			...			...	
Benecke, Miss A. M. ...		...		0	5	0		...			...			...	
Bevington, Col.	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Biddell, Miss L.		...		0	10	0		...			...			...	
Biddle, Mrs.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Blake, John, Esq.		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Borlase, Mrs.		...		2	0	0		...			...			...	
Bostock, Mrs.		...			...			...			...		1	0	0
Bostock, Miss		...			...			...			...		1	0	0
Bradley, J. J., Esq. (Concerts)		...			...			...		0	10	6		...	
Bristow, E. A., Esq. ...		...			...			...		0	10	0		...	
Britten, Jas., Esq.... ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Brown, Alfred, Esq. ...		..			...			...			...		1	0	0
Brown, Mrs. Alfred ...		...			...			...			...		1	0	0
Brown, Mrs. Haig ...	0	2	6		...			...			...			...	
Brown, William, Esq. ...		...			...			...			...		10	0	0
Browning, A. Giraud, Esq.		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Budd, Miss Mabel ...		...		0	2	6		...			...			...	
Burgess, Mrs., and friends		...			...			...		3	10	6		...	
Burrows, Mrs.	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Busk, The Misses E. and F.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Butter, Rev. James ...	0	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Butterworth, Mrs. ...		...			...			...		0	3	0		...	
Clarke, Mrs. W. Bruce ...	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Clayden, Miss	0	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Collingwood, Miss J. ...		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Cox, H. F., Esq.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Debenham, Mrs. William...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Carried forward ...	13	0	0	6	0	6				18	14	6	14	2	6

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	13	0	0	6	0	6				18	14	6	14	2	6
Dewick, Rev. E. S. ...		...			...		2	2	0		...			...	
Dixon, Mrs. Abraham ...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Dodgson, Rev. C. H. ...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Donkin, Miss		...			...			...			...		0	2	6
Dowson, Miss S. S. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Drapers' Company, The ...		...			...			...		10	10	0		...	
Durrant, Mrs.	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Edwards, Miss F.	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Ellis, T. Mullett, Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Elives, Miss E.		...			...			...			...		0	1	0
Empson, C. W., Esq. ...	1	1	0		...		1	1	0		...		1	1	0
Erle, Miss E.	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
E. S. N.	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Evans, Richardson, Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Finney, Miss C. D. ...		...		0	1	0		...			...			...	
Finney, Miss P. D. ...		...		0	1	0		...			...			...	
Fisher, Mrs.		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Fisher, Miss Clara ...		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Fisher, Rev. F. L.		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Forman, Miss J. (1893-94)	2	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Fortescue, Lady Camilla...		...		3	0	0		...			...			...	
Fortescue, The Hon. Dudley	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Frampton, Mrs.		...			...			...			...		0	2	6
Fripp, Miss C.		...		0	2	6		...			...			...	
Fry, Sir Edward	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Gamson, Miss M. B. ...	0	2	6		...			...			...			...	
Gaselee, Miss		...		1	1	0		...			...			...	
Graham, Norman C., Esq.		...			...			...		2	2	0		...	
Green, Miss	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Gordon-Cumming, Miss J. E.		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Gordon, Percy, Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Hamer, S. H., Esq. ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Hardcastle, Miss		...			...		1	0	0		...			...	
Hicks, Miss Edith... ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Hicks, G. M., Esq.... ...	5	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Hill, Arthur, Esq.... ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Hill, Miss F. Davenport (Bands)		...			...			...		0	10	0		...	
Hill, Miss	0	5	0		...			...		0	5	0		...	
Hill, Miss Octavia (per) ...	5	17	0		...			...			...			...	
Hobbes, R. G., Esq., F.R.S.L.	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Hobhouse, Lady		...			...		3	3	0		...			...	
Holland, Miss Mabel ...	5	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Hollis, Mrs.		...			...			...		3	0	0		...	
Hooper, Miss M.		...		0	2	6		...			...			...	
Hope, Miss R. M.	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Hopkinson, General ...		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Horsfall, T. C., Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Hughes, Miss A. J. ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Hunt, Miss	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Hutchins, Miss B.... ...		...			...			...		0	10	0		...	
Innes, Lt.-Gen. McLeod V.C.	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Carried forward ...	51	9	6	10	8	6	7	6	0	37	17	6	15	9	6

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Brought forward ...	51	9	6	10	8	6	7	6	0	37	17	6	15	9	6
Jacob, Miss Constance ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
James, Miss M.		...			...			...		3	3	0		...	
James, Mrs. Coulson ...		...		0	10	0		...			...			...	
James, Mrs. William ...		...			...			...		2	2	0		..	
Jephson, Rev. A. W. and Mrs.		...			...			...		0	10	0		...	
Johnston, Miss G. E. (per)		...			...			...		1	10	0		...	
Joiners' Company, The ...		...			...			...		5	5	0		...	
Jones, Rev. J. S.	0	5	0		...			...			...			..	
Karslake, Mrs.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Keatinge, Lt.-Gen., C.S.I., V.C.	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Keightley, Miss J. ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Kelly, Arthur, Esq. ...		...			...			...		0	2	6		...	
King, C. Stewart, Esq. ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
King, Miss		...			...		0	10	6		...			...	
Kingdon, Miss C. H. ...		...			...			...		0	10	0		...	
Kingdon, H. F., Esq. ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Laing, Mrs.	2	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Laurence, Sir Trevor, Bart.		...			...			...		5	0	0		...	
Lawrence, Miss		...			...			...		5	0	0		...	
Leathersellers' Company, The	10	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Lees, Miss Mary	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Leslie, Miss I. (Concerts)		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Leycester, Miss E. M. ...		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Leycester, The Misses ...		...			...			...		2	12	6		...	
Litchfield, R. B., Esq. ...	1	0	0		...			...		1	0	0		...	
Longstaff, Dr. G. B. ...	10	0	0		..			...			...			...	
Lowe, Mrs....	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Lush, Dr. William Vawdrey	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Lyall, Miss...		...		1	0	0		...			...			...	
Lyall, Miss C.		...		1	1	0		...			...			...	
Lyall, Miss M.		...		1	1	0		...			...			...	
Macauley, Mrs.	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Mannering, E. H., Esq. ...		...			...			...		1	0	0		...	
Manning, Miss E. A. ...	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Martin, Mrs. R. Biddulph (Bands)		...			...			...		5	0	0		...	
Martineau, Miss C. A. ...		...			...		1	0	0		...			...	
Martineau, Miss M. C. ...		...			...		1	0	0		...			...	
Masterman, N., Esq. ...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Maul, Rev. R. G.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Maurice, C. E., Esq. ...		...			...		1	1	0		...			...	
Maurice, Mrs. C. E. ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
McGavin, Miss F. A. ...		...		1	0	0		...			...			...	
McKee, Miss E. C. ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Mellish, Miss	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Mills, F. C., Esq.		...		5	0	0		...			...			..	
Mills, Miss	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Morshead, Mrs. Anderson		...			...			...		0	10	6		...	
Murphy, Mrs. Shirley ...		...			...		1	1	0		...			...	
Nattali, B., Esq.		...		1	1	0		...			...			...	
Carried forward ...	86	4	6	21	1	6	11	18	6	75	12	0	15	9	6

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Brought forward ...	86	4	6	21	1	6	11	18	6	75	12	0	15	9	6
Newton, Miss Sara ...	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Ohlenschlager, Miss B. ...		...		0	2	6		...			...			...	
Paget, Miss Nina	0	13	6		..			...			...			...	
Palmer, Rev. H. Golding	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Pennington, Mrs. F. S. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Pilcher, G. T., Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Pilleau, Arthur, Esq. (Concerts)		...			...			...		0	10	6		...	
Pipe, Miss	0	2	6		...			...			...			...	
Poulter, R. C., Esq. ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Rabbits, C. J. Whittuck, Esq.	2	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Rabbits, W. T., Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Raven, Miss Jane	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Redpath, Miss Kate ...		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Reid, Miss Jessie		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Reid, Peter, Esq.		...			...			...		5	5	0		...	
Richards, J. Morgan, Esq.		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Rider, W. R., Esq. ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Rowntree, Miss Gertrude	0	2	6		...			...			...			...	
Salters' Company, The ...		...			...			...		5	5	0		...	
Schuster, Leo, Esq. ...	2	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Seton, George, Esq. ...	0	5	0	0	10	0		...		1	0	0	1	0	0
Seton, George, Esq. (Publications)	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Shaen, Miss A. E.... ...	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Shaen, Miss M. J.... ...	0	10	0		..			...			...			...	
Smith, Miss F. Amy ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Smith, Gerard, Esq. ...	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Somervelle, Gordon, Esq.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Stevenson, A. L., Esq. ...	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Swanwick, Miss		...			...			...		5	5	0		...	
Tanner, Mrs. (Publications)	2	2	0		...			...			...			...	
Tanner, T. Slingsby, Esq. (Publications)	1	1	0		...			...			...		1	0	
Tansley, Mrs.		...			...		0	10	0	0	10	0		...	
Thomas, Ernest E., Esq....	0	2	6		...			...			...			...	
Thompson, Lady		...			...			...		0	10	0		...	
Threlfall, Miss M. B. ...	0	10	0		...			...			...			...	
Timmins, Rev. C.		...			...		0	3	0		...			...	
Trelawney, Miss Maud ...		...		0	10	0		...			...			...	
Turner, Mrs. Thos. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
Turpin, E.H., Esq., Mus.Doc.		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Tyer, Miss Ellen		...			...			....		0	5	0		...	
Tyler, Mrs. H.		...			...			...			...		0	1	6
Watson, Miss M. C. ...		...			...			...		1	0	0		...	
Westminster, K.G., The Duke of	5	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Whitfield, Miss Alice ...		...			. .			...		1	1	0		...	
Whitfield, Miss Helen ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
White, Miss H.		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Wightwick, Mrs.	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Wightwick, Miss	0	5	0		...			...			...			...	
Carried forward ...	110	17	6	22	4	0	12	11	6	101	2	6	17	11	0

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Brought forward ...	110	17	6	22	4	0	12	11	6	101	2	6	17	11	0
W. J. P.		...			...			...		1	0	0		...	
Willmore, Miss J.... ...		...			...			...		0	5	0		...	
Wills, Fred., Esq.		...			...			...		2	2	0		...	
Wilson, Miss H.	1	0	0		...			...			...			...	
Winkworth, Mrs.	5	0	0		...			...		2	0	0		...	
Woodman, —, Esq. ...		...			...			...		1	1	0		...	
Yorke, Miss H.	2	2	0		...			...		5	5	0		...	
Young, Keith D., Esq. ...	1	1	0		...			...			...			...	
TOTALS	120	0	6	22	4	0	12	11	6	112	15	6	17	11	0

Summary of Work Accomplished

THE KYRLE SOCIETY owes its origin to a letter written in 1876 by Miss Miranda Hill, calling attention to the dull commonplace lives of the poor, and suggesting that means taken to enliven and beautify those lives would be labour well spent. Accordingly, in 1877, a Society was started with this object, and, as a short name was thought desirable, the name "Kyrle" was chosen, the idea being taken from Pope's lines eulogising John Kyrle, the "Man of Ross."

During the sixteen years which have elapsed, the Society has accomplished varied work. The newest Branch—that for the distribution of Literature—has made grants to upwards of 320 institutions, many of which have received repeated gifts.

The Choir has, since the year 1878, given 240 performances of Oratorios in churches and chapels in the poor districts of London; and 307 miscellaneous Concerts have been given in Working Men's Clubs, School Rooms, Mission Rooms, &c., by the Concert Section of the Musical Branch.

A series of band performances has also been given each summer in the public gardens of some of the poorer neighbourhoods since the year 1886.

The Entertainments in Workhouses and Hospitals began in the year 1882, since when over 450 of these have been given in all parts of London.

The Open Spaces Branch has aided in nearly all the most important schemes for the preservation of open

spaces in or near the Metropolis during the Society's existence, while many schemes have been carried out by its agency alone.

The Decorative Branch has given its aid to nearly 150 institutions, in many of which the schemes have been of some elaboration.

Since the formation of the Society, other Associations working on kindred lines have been started, and with all of these the Society considers it a privilege to be in friendly co-operation.

There are several provincial and a few Colonial Kyrle Societies, a list of which is inserted in the Report. All of these have the good wishes, and where possible, the friendly aid of the Parent Society

Any further information can be obtained of the Honorary General Secretary, to whom all communications should be addressed.

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